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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

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Type: **4**

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SUBJECT COMPANY

FIRST BANKS AMERICA INC

CIK: **310979** | IRS No.: **751604965** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-08230** | Film No.: **01696814**
SIC: **6021** National commercial banks

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

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25 Spoede Lane
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: First Banks America, Inc. FBA

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year: July 2001

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) N/A

6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

Director _____ 10% Owner

--- Officer (give title below) Other (Specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line):

Form filed by One Reporting Person
_____ Form filed by more than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security: Common Stock (Par value \$0.15)
2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year): July 1, 2001

3. Transaction Code: J*

4. Securities Acquired (A) or disposed of (D): A

Amount 500 Price: *

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month:

1,500

6. Ownership Form Direct (D) or Indirect (I): D

7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership: N/A

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security N/A

2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security N/A

3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year): N/A

4. Transaction Code Code ___ V ___ N/A

5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) ___ or Disposed of (D) ___
N/A

6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) N/A
Date Exercisable _____ Expiration Date _____ N/A

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities: N/A
Title _____ Amount or Number of Shares _____: N/A

8. Price of Derivative Security: N/A

9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month: N/A

10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security Direct (D) or Indirect (i) N/A

11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership: N/A

Explanation of Responses: *Shares were issued to qualifying directors in
accordance with a 1993 Stock Bonus Plan.

Ellen D. Schepman

Signature of Reporting Person

Date: August 1, 2001

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